



St Anne's College

University of Oxford

HONG KONG

21 – 25 July 2014

A team of 14 academic Fellows and tutors from St Anne's College, University of Oxford, are delighted to be in Hong Kong in the week 21-25 July. As well as meeting with the alumni of our College, we are running a range of academic and academic-related activities for Hong Kong secondary school pupils and the general public.

Firstly, our **Summer School** for middle years' secondary school pupils, hosted by **Diocesan Boys' School**, will involve nearly **200** pupils from almost **40** Hong Kong schools. **This is now fully booked**. The pupils will engage with 4 chosen subjects from a list of 9 available, including: *Contrasts in the Sea; Classical China and Classical Chinese; DNA: Molecular Mysteries; How to Build a Brain; Extreme Environments; International Legal Order; Photons, the Universe and Higgs-Hunting; History: Reform, Resistance & Expansion; Music and Psychology.*

In response to demand, we invite older pupils to sign up for our **Supplementary Programme** of talks (also hosted by **Diocesan Boys' School**) on *Applying to the UK and Oxford* as well as talks on *Critical Thinking Skills*. These sessions are for pupils who will be applying to university either this year or next. For more information and to sign up, please contact Miss Amy Murray (amy.murray@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)

Our early evening programme (**18.00 to 19.30**), **open to all**, hosted by **St Paul's Convent School, Causeway Bay**, will consist of the following:

- **Tuesday 22 July: Public Engagement Lecture**
Sanctions in the International Legal Order. Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos
- **Wednesday 23 July: Careers' Panel with St Anne's Alumni**
- **Thursday 24 July: Public Engagement Lecture**
The Forgotten Billion-Millennium Development Goal Achievement in the World's Drylands. Dr Nick Middleton

We are hugely grateful to Mr Bernard Man (alumnus of St Anne's College, Oxford, Jurisprudence, 1995) currently at Temple Chambers, and Mr Patrick Huen, for their generosity in fully funding all our activities this summer.

We are also indebted to the Headteachers and staff of Diocesan Boys' School and St Paul's Convent School for hosting us.

Please direct any enquiries to Dr Mullen or Miss Murray

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HONG KONG 2014: Public Engagement Lectures

Tuesday 22 July 2014

Sanctions in the International Legal Order

Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos

International law is regularly vilified for not being effective in curtailing the conduct of recalcitrant States, for being violated without sanction. This talk will focus on the sanctioning power of the United Nations, and its Security Council, which has grown immensely over the past 20 years. If anything, the problem today is that international law may be too effective, the Security Council too powerful. We will go through the history of sanctions in international law, the powers of the Council, the far-reaching anti-terrorist sanctions and the reaction to such sanctions on the part of States, their courts, and civil societies. We will draw parallels with related powers of the Security Council to authorise the use of force to maintain international peace and security, and touch upon current crises such as Syria and Ukraine.

Antonios Tzanakopoulos is Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, and Fellow in Law at St Anne's College. Antonios studied law in Athens, New York, and Oxford, during which time he also worked as a Researcher for the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens and New York, and for the UN Office in Geneva.

Antonios is a general international lawyer and has published in a number of areas reflecting his varied research interests. His monograph, *Disobeying the Security Council*, is on the responsibility of international organisations, and was published in 2011 (and [re-issued in paperback with a new introduction](#) in 2013) by OUP. He has also published in the fields of international dispute settlement, treaty law, immunities, the law of the sea, international investment law, and others.

Antonios has advised states, international organizations, and private entities on matters of public international law. He has advised and assisted counsel and members of tribunals or provided expert opinions in a number of cases before international and domestic courts and tribunals, including the International Court of Justice, EU courts, the European Court of Human Rights, ad hoc and ICSID arbitral tribunals, and the High Court of England and Wales. He has also provided training on international law to domestic judges, as well as diplomats, military officers, and other government officials.

Thursday 24 July 2014

The Forgotten Billion

Millennium Development Goal Achievement in the World's Drylands

Dr Nick Middleton

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) represent the world's commitment to deal with global poverty in its many dimensions. They are embodied in a set of targets, the achievement of which is particularly challenging in the world's deserts and their margins, environments commonly referred to collectively as drylands. Drylands are home to a third of all humanity, but have some of the highest levels of poverty. In many countries these areas also have a long history of neglect by investment and sustainable development interventions, having been marginalised from both development processes and political discourse. This marginalisation cannot continue. In our increasingly globalised and interconnected world, drylands are important to us all for climatic, economic and geopolitical reasons.

Nick Middleton is Supernumerary Fellow in Geography at St Anne's. His background is in the physical side of geography but his interests span the entire subject. His academic role is supplemented by his work as an environmental consultant and freelance author having written more than 250 articles in journals, magazines and newspapers, and 19 books. He is very active in popularizing geography, environmental science and travel, through his writing, public speaking and as a television presenter.

Nick's main research interest is in the nature and human use of drylands. His publications in this area include *The Forgotten Billion: MDG Achievement in the Drylands* (UNDP-UNCCD, 2011), *Desert Dust in the Global System* (Springer, 2006), *World Atlas of Desertification* (second edition, Arnold 1997) and *Desertification: Exploding the Myth* (Wiley, 1994). He also works and teaches on a wide variety of environment and development issues. He has worked as a consultant to several United Nations agencies, including the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the EU and WWF.